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SUBJECT No. 38.

Appointment of only one Chief Engineer instead of two.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastri, Krishnarajpete Taluk ; A. Ananthaiya and P. Venkappiah, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—As there is a Secretary for the Public Works Department, it is not advisable to have also two Chief Engineers in these days of financial stringency. One Chief Engineer would be enough.

SUBJECT No. 39.

Annual maintenance of tanks in the State.

Messrs. (*a*) Gangappa, Nagamangala Taluk & (*b*) H. V. Gopaliah, Holalkere Municipality.

Summary of Representation.—(*a*) As per existing rules, the land holders under the tank are responsible for its maintenance. For want of united action and owing to the absence of many raiyats from the village, the tanks have not been efficiently maintained in spite of the concessions shown to them, *viz.*, fishery right and grass. The concessions may therefore be withdrawn and the maintenance of tanks taken over by Government.

(*b*) According to existing practice, the annual maintenance of tanks is to be done by all the inhabitants of the village to which tank belongs, whether they pay wet, dry or bagayat assessment or only mohatarfa tax. This system seems to be improper as the raiyats who pay dry, bagayat or mohatarfa tax, derive no profit from the tank. Moreover according to sanitary rules, the tank water is unfit for drinking purposes even for cattle. It is therefore represented that the existing rules may be modified and orders passed to the effect that maintenance work may be got done only by the raiyats who are *atchkatdars* under the tank and are deriving benefit therefrom.

SUBJECT No. 40.

Opening of a channel from Bhadravati *anicut* to Davangere and Harihar Sub-Taluks.

Mr. Doggahalli Basavannappa, Davangere Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—In the Harihar and Davangere Taluks, scarcity of rainfall is mostly felt. It is prayed, therefore, that a channel may be opened from the Bhadravati *anicut* to Harihar and Davangere Taluks *via* Channagiri Taluk. The *anicut* is about 80 miles from Davangere.

SUBJECT No. 41.

Supply of channel water during hot weather.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastry and S. Thimme Gowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Inadequacy of water supply for sugar-cane and other green crops is keenly felt by the agriculturists in the areas irrigated by channel water. It is therefore requested that the system which prevailed before the year 1902 may be re-introduced and water supplied through the channels regularly.